



**Fort Vancouver
Lions Club
Vancouver, WA.,
U.S.A.
Established 1955
May
2025 ISSUE**

**Join us Friday,
May 2nd and
May 16th at
Noon for our
regular
meetings at
Golden Corral**

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**2024-2025
King Lion
Mike**



I hope these greetings find you well!

Lent is over, and Easter has blossomed. Let us celebrate all that is good! The dogwood, cherry, and plumb trees are all so beautiful and golden sunshine warms the days.

Speaking of celebrations ...

Our shred and e-recycle event was a great success! 19 FVLC members came out on Saturday April 12th to help with this event. After expenses, we made \$2,241, which was \$741 above our goal. FISH also collected nearly 500 pounds of food!

Our 70th Charter Anniversary Evening was celebrated on Tuesday April 22nd at the Barberton Grange. 64 Lions enjoyed delicious food provided by Catering by Dorothy. And we raised over \$1,400. Thanks to Diane C., Mike C., Jan K., Sandy C., John L. for the awesome planning. And thank you so much to the above and Nancy B., and Suzanne D. for helping clean up afterward.

Next up is our Berry Sales. Information will be coming soon!

Coming up at the end of June, be sure to attend our monthly meeting as we'll be inducting our 2025-2026 Club Officers.

May your troubles be Less and your Blessings be more, and nothing but Happiness come through your door.

-An Irish Blessing

King Lion Mike

Special Technology Meeting Invitation: Discover ChatGPT & Lions Power Partner!


Attention Lions!


You're invited to a special Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, May 7th at 3:00 PM** where we'll explore exciting new tools that can help us serve smarter, fundraise easier, and grow stronger together!

We'll introduce ChatGPT and the Lions Power Partner GPT — two simple, powerful resources you can use to get fresh ideas for service projects, fundraising events, membership drives, and more.

All Club Officers, Project Chairs, and Fundraising Leads are especially encouraged to attend. Let's learn how technology can make our Lions work even more impactful!

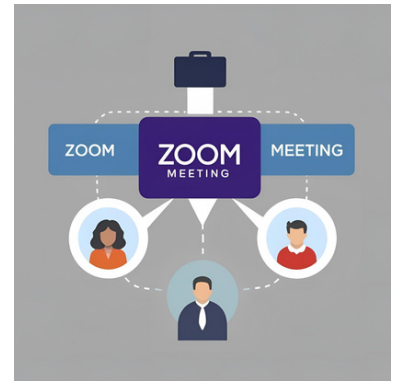
 **Date:** Wednesday, May 7th

 **Time:** 3:00 PM

 **Location:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/my/askdotty?pwd=ajNMckxVTWJIUC93M3FURUIzTEZKUT09&omn=91324802122>
Password is SUCCESS

Let's embrace new tools to strengthen our motto: "We Serve."
See you there!

Dotty Scott
Premium Websites, Inc.



Save these Dates

May 1st-4th	Northwest Lions Leadership Conference, Post Falls, ID
Thursday, May 15th	Math in Motion @ WA Elementary 2:30-4:00 p.m.
May 16th-17th	MD-19 Convention in Chilliwack, BC
Thursday, May 29th	WSSB Annual Track Meet--CANCELLED**
Friday, June 20th	FV/Camas Lions Club 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

****The WSSB Track Meet has been cancelled for May 2025 due to construction. There might still be a chance to volunteer at a smaller event. Watch for more details as they are provided. ****

Our spring shred event on April 12th was a “roaring” success.

19 Lions and 4 friends of lions (Renee Rhyasen, Terry Misner, James Rhyasen and John Phillips) worked a total of 80 man hours and collected \$1841 in donations!

This with corporate donations of \$1300 gave us a grand total of \$3141!

Expenses were approximately \$900 leaving net to the club of \$2241!

Our goal was \$1500!

We also collected 498 pounds of food and a box of reading glasses
for F.I.S.H. of Vancouver!

Thank you all so much for your enthusiastic help today rain and shine!

Yours in Lionism Allen 🐾🐾🐾🐾



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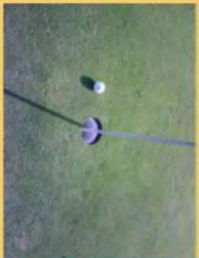
Washington Elementary Activity Options

Math in Motion: Thursday, May 15 2:30-4:00 PM

This event is for PreK-1st Grade students. We invite families to do math related movement activities with their student. Possible help to consider: volunteer to help during the event, help with set up and clean up.

Picnic in the Park: Friday, June 6 2:30-3:30 PM

This event takes place directly after school outside in the park at the front of the school. It is a chance for families to gather, eat snacks, get resources, and do activities in a casual relaxed atmosphere. Possible help to consider: Set-up help, volunteer to pass out snacks during the event, help provide some snacks.



HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

Prizes include:

1st Prize—\$7,500 (Hole 2)

- Bonus Hole in One Prize 1 –Scotty Cameron Phantom X Putter (Hole 6)
- Bonus Hole in One Prize 2 — Yeti Tundra Cooler (Hole 6)
- Bonus Hole in One Prize 3— Apple Ipad 128GB (Hole 6)

Also

Men & Women's Long Drive & KP

Mulligans—\$5 for 2 re-dos on any shot.
Limit two per player—non transferrable



Help Us Help Others

We want to invite you to the Fort Vancouver/Camas Lions Clubs 2nd Annual Golf Tournament.

Join us for a round of golf, some fun, fellowship, and support of our local communities all at the same time

The golf tournament will be held at the beautiful Fairway Village Golf Course in Vancouver. Call your friends and put together a four-person team or sign yourself up and we will place you on a team. Either way, come and enjoy a great time and help us help those less fortunate than we are.



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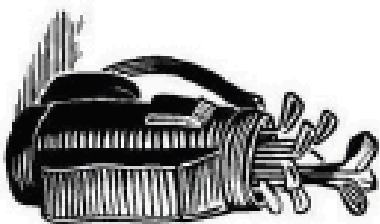
Fort Vancouver - Camas Lions Clubs 2nd Annual Golf Tournament



Friday, June 20, 2025
Fairway Village Golf Course
Vancouver, WA

4-person scramble

Limited carts are available, but it is a very easily walked course.



Tournament Schedule (Rain or Shine)

Friday June 20, 2025

(Registration cut off is June 13, 2025)

Noon - Golfer Registration

1:00 PM - Shotgun Start

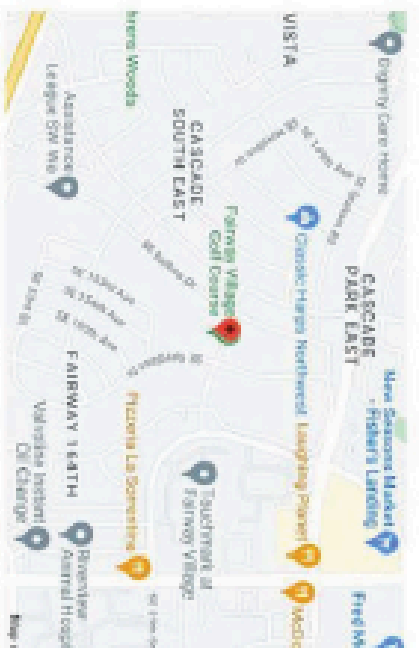
4:00 PM - Lunch/Awards

Your Registration Includes

- **Green Fee**
- **Hole in one entry**
- **Awards for the winners**
- **Lunch w/Drink**

Fort Vancouver / Camas
Lions clubs
2nd Annual
Golf Tournament

The Fort Vancouver & Camas Lions Clubs would like to personally **invite you to join us**, for what we believe will be an exciting tournament and an opportunity to raise funds to help us help those in our communities less fortunate than we are.



Interested in being a Hole Sponsor?

- **MAJOR SPONSOR** - (\$1,000) includes Banner sign at registration table, and entrance for a team of four plus course sign and one course welcome table at a prominent hole on the course.
- **Food Sponsor** - (\$500) includes banner sign at registration table and a sign on the course crediting your organization for lunch.
- **Tree Sponsor** - (\$200) 15' X 2" of your company or organization featured prominently at one of the tee-boxes in the tournament.

Become a sponsor by signing up at
<https://fortvancouverlions.org/foof>

Cut Here And Send This Portion With Your Check

Registration Form

Tournament Date **June 20, 2025**

Register online and pay by credit card at <https://fortvancouverlions.org/foof>

Or by mail as shown below.

Individual golfer (Please indicate whose team you are on if you have one, if not on a team we'll match you.)

Individual golf - \$70

Foursome golf - \$280

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Team Captain (If you are playing on someone's team): _____

If paying for a foursome please let us know the other players if possible:

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Entry Deadline is June 13, 2025

Single Entry \$70

Four Man Team \$280

Make Checks Payable to:

Fort Vancouver Lions club

And mail to:

1116 NW 54th Ct, Vancouver, WA
98663



May 2: TBD
May 16: TBD

2024 - 2025 FVLC Officers

- Mike Cavanaugh - President
- Aziz (Bill) Shalaby - 1st VP
- Gay Enyeart - Secretary/Admin
- Diane Cavanaugh - Treasurer
- David Rich - Membership
- Sandy Conroy - 1 yr dir
- Richard Giles - 1 yr dir
- Jan Koenig - 2 yr dir
- Phyllis Robertson - 2 yr dir
- Terry Robertson - Past President
- Shelly Brown - Newsletter
- Dotty Scott - Webmaster
- Tail Twister - Allen Rhyasen

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Two MJF awards were presented to FVL in April. At the closing session of the MD19N convention, Phyllis Robertson received her award from district L.C.I.F. rep Debbie Mansell and Past International President Brian Sheehan. Sandy Conroy received her progressive MJF award from Dennis Tichenor, past director of the International Association of Lions Clubs, at the 70th anniversary celebration.



Facebook: FortVancouverLions

FVLC website: <https://fortvancouverlions.org/>

Lions International <https://www.lionsclubs.org/>

Multiple District 19: <https://lionsmd19.org/>

District N Zone 10 representative -

Shelley Staudinger, Battle Ground Lions Club

MD19N Convention Recap

Eleven members of the Fort Vancouver Lions attended the District 19N Convention held April 18–19 at the Heathman Lodge. Attendees included Terry and Phyllis Robertson, David Rich, Helen and Terry Sutfin, Mike and Diane Cavanaugh, Sandy Conroy, Bill Shalaby, Wanda Slevin, and Dotty Scott.

Friday night's "Fun Night" featured a sports theme. Mike Cavanaugh received the "Golden Whistle" award for his real-life experience as an umpire, while Diane impressed in beer pong (no beer involved!), sinking 3 out of 6 shots and tying with about a dozen other participants.

Past International President Brian Sheehan and his partner in service, Lori Sheehan, led opposing teams in a lively game of "Lions Feud," with strong support from the Leos. After three rounds of fun and friendly competition, Lori's team emerged victorious.

Saturday's opening session included several five-minute achievement speeches, with Bill Scholl representing the Knights of the Blind committee and sharing their impactful work. The morning seminar was led by PIP Brian Sheehan, who spoke on the vital topic of membership. During the luncheon, Lori Sheehan delivered the keynote address, highlighting her "Lions in Motion" initiative. She then led attendees on a sunny walk to Jaggy Road Park and back, bringing her message to life.

The afternoon breakout sessions included "Practical AI for Your Club!" presented by our own Dotty Scott, and a Service Showcase presentation by Diane Cavanaugh on our Santa Store project.

To see more convention highlights, see <https://youtu.be/uPAJGGbiX3c>.



Celebrating 70 Years of Service: Fort Vancouver Lions

April 22, 2025, was not just a date but a doorway into 70 years of unwavering community service. Friends, family, and loyal members gathered to honor the Fort Vancouver Lions at an event filled with stories, smiles, and promises for the future.

The energy buzzed from the first handshake to the last hug. This night was more than a party; it was a living tribute to a mission that refuses to fade.

Master of Ceremonies David Rich and special guest Dennis Tichenor, past director of the International Association of Lions Clubs, shared some highlights of the club's history and presented multiple longtime members with International President's Certificates of Appreciation.

More photos from the evening can be viewed on the Fort Vancouver Lions Club's official website, fortvancouverlions.org, in the Blog section.

Special thanks to those who made it happen:

- Creative Catering by Dorothy – for providing such good food
- Dave Hutson - photographer
- Diane Cavanaugh – overall chair, registrar
- Helen Sutfin – History review and Greeter
- Jan Koenig – set up and clean up chair
- John Lyons – provided cutlery, plates, cups, cold drinks, and co-chaired the silent auction.
- John Phillips - set up
- Mike Cavanaugh – arranged for Scout Troop 648 to bring in the colors and work on the program.
- Nancy Brown - set up and clean up
- Phyllis Robertson – the other auction co-chair
- Sandy Conroy – decorations chair and e-mailed invitations
- Suzanne Day and Norma Porter - kept the drinks filled
- All Lions and guests who joined the celebration!



The History and Legacy of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club was officially authorized during the January 27, 1955, board meeting of the Vancouver Lions Club. The formation was part of a strategic move to split the original club, creating two distinct organizations with about 31 members each. This division allowed both clubs to have a solid nucleus of members, ensuring their viability and effectiveness. The new club was chartered on April 15, 1955, marking the official beginning of what would become a long-standing and impactful organization.

The club celebrated its official charter on Saturday, May 14, 1955, with a formal presentation by Alfred Tunem, Chairman of the Multiple District Cabinet. The Fort Vancouver Lions Club was initially founded as a lunch meeting group in downtown Vancouver, catering to local businessmen who preferred mid-day gatherings over evening meetings.

One of the club's earliest newsletters, dated May 25, 1955, announced a "Big Name Calling Contest" to select a masthead title for their club bulletin. The creative contest produced several playful and imaginative names, including "MANELION," "WATTERS, SEELION," and "GRIFFON." However, the winning entry was "Bul-LION-tin," a clever play on words incorporating the club's name and symbol. In the 1990s, the newsletter was rebranded as the "Fort Vancouver Uproar."

From its inception, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club made sight and hearing support, children's issues, and health and welfare its primary causes—values it continues to uphold today. One of the club's early signature events was the Fort Vancouver Lions Benefit Premier of "The Miracle Worker" at the Broadway Theatre on October 16, 1962. The benefit featured \$1.25 tickets, with all proceeds going toward the Clark County Blind Fund, showcasing the club's commitment to supporting individuals with visual impairments.

By 1963, the club was actively involved in eye tissue collection for local corneal transplants. Additionally, the Fort Vancouver Lions, alongside the Vancouver Lions, became strong supporters of the Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB)—a partnership that remains strong today.



History -cont.-

Throughout its history, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club has consistently engaged in community service projects and organized fundraisers that reflect its mission of giving back. Over the years, club members have been involved in a variety of initiatives, including:

- 4th of July Committee Support: Members helped with event logistics, ensuring smooth operations.
- Clark County Fair Concessions: The club worked concessions and assisted with parking cars, raising funds for their charitable projects.
- Local Food Drives: The club was one of the founding clubs of the Walk and Knock food drive, providing essential support to local food banks. Several members also regularly volunteer at local Food Banks.
- Eyeglass Recycling: One of the Lions hallmark projects, the club has collected many thousands of eyeglasses over the years, helping to provide used eyeglasses free of charge to people in remote areas of developing countries.

One particularly heartwarming project involved Deisi Begazo, a young girl from Arequipa, Peru, who lost an eye in a firecracker explosion. Charter member William Purvis and his wife Jeannine opened their home to Deisi from June 1965 to May 1967. During her stay, she received an artificial eye and blossomed from a shy child into an outgoing and confident young girl.

In 1987, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club adopted Washington Elementary School, located in a low-income neighborhood in Vancouver. It started as an "Olympics" in which every child participated and every participant got an award. The club provided ongoing support by volunteering at school events, offering refreshments, and organizing an annual Santa Store for the students, giving them the opportunity to select gifts for their loved ones.

The club also supported Cub Scout Pack 320 from 1992 to 2011 and later sponsored the LEO Legends Club from 2012 to 2015, promoting leadership and community involvement among young people.



History -cont.-

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club has produced several distinguished leaders. The club is proud to have had:

- Three Council Chairs, including Robert (Foxy) Hunter, David Rich, and Lyle M. Tinker.
- Seven District Governors, namely Ed Walla, William Thomas, Terry Robertson, Stephen Staudinger, Terry Sutfin, Vernon Smith, and Sandy Conroy.
- Seven Zone Chairs, including Dan Lanksbury, Ralph Jones, Helen Sutfin, Eva Halter, S.E. Adolphe, Byron Berhow, and Richard F. Cantrell.

Over the years, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club has maintained a strong commitment to fundraising and donations, supporting causes both locally and beyond. Their efforts have included but are by no means limited to

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Sales Events: Light bulbs, flowers (Poinsettias, Fuchsias, Hanging baskets, Easter Lilies), candy, and berries
- Summer picnics (Alcoa, Columbian)
- Garage Sales and County Fair Concessions
- Concerts to Benefit the Blind (2008-2011)

The club has also made significant financial contributions, including:

- Supporting the WSSB Bowling Team Banquet in the 1960s
- Raising \$21,000 for talking computers for WSSB in 1990, with an additional \$10,500 raised in 1991.
- Vocational Scholarship Programs (1990s-2010s)
- Making annual donations to the Clark County Sight and Hearing Foundation, Leader Dogs, and LCIF and several other organizations.

Beyond their service, the Fort Vancouver Lions also enjoy moments of fellowship and fun, building camaraderie through events such as

- Beach outings
- Holiday dinners and installation banquets
- Chelatchie Prairie Railroad trips

For 70 years, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club has remained dedicated to improving lives through service, fundraising, and community engagement. From supporting the visually impaired to mentoring youth, the club's legacy is one of compassion, leadership, and unwavering service—a beacon of hope and dedication for generations to come.





2025 FROZEN BERRY SALE

ORDER BY
AUGUST
20TH

It is time for smoothies, homemade jams, and delicious desserts. Buying **berries** from the Fort Vancouver Lions is the tastiest way to **support your local community**. 100% of profits are returned to the community. This year's berries are locally grown and come either bags, or you can also order sliced strawberries.



Raspberries



Blueberries



Three Berries



Strawberries



Sliced Strawberries
with Sugar

Each 18-pound box is just \$75 and has 12 containers (1.5 pounds each). Each container is sweetened with less than 4 ounces of sugar.

EACH 15 POUND BOX IS JUST \$75 AND IS SEPARATED INTO 6 BAGS (2.5- POUND EACH)

1 SELECT HOW MANY ITEMS YOU WANT TO ORDER:

RASPBERRIES _____ BLUEBERRIES _____ SLICED STRAWBERRIES _____
THREE BERRIES _____ STRAWBERRIES _____

QUANTITY _____ X \$75 = \$ _____

2 SELECT YOUR PICK-UP LOCATION:

- ☐ BATTLE GROUND - UMPQUA BANK, 601 W MAIN ST (NEXT TO FIRE STATION)
- ☐ SALMON CREEK – KAISER, 14406 NE 20TH AVE
- ☐ VANCOUVER MALL - RED LOBSTER, 8219 NE VANCOUVER MALL DR.
- ☐ FISHERS LANDING - MILL PLAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 15804 SE MILL PLAIN BLVD.
- ☐ CAMAS-WASHOUGAL – PARKING LOT 50 YARDS EAST OF BEST WESTERN MOTEL OFF A ST

BERRY PICK UP DAY IS SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD 10AM-11AM

UNCOLLECTED ORDERS WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY

3 ENTER YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Fort Vancouver Lions Foundation
7107 NE Fairway Ave
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**Fort Vancouver Lions Club and
Foundation Board Meeting
April 4, 2025 Golden Corral**



The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cavanaugh at 1:01.

Board Members Present: Mike and Diane Cavanaugh, Jan Koenig, Phyllis and Terry Robertson, Aziz Shalaby, and Gay Enyeart

Board Members Absent: Rick Giles, Allen Rhyasen and Sandy Conroy

Guest Attending: Wanda Slevin

Secretary Report: Gay mentioned that Terry Robertson was not on the slate of officers listed in the March minutes. Diane made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Terry Robertson seconded.

Treasurer Report: Diane reported Foundation Account Balance \$15,006.38 and Administrative Account Balance \$7943.21. Diane mentioned D&O (Director & Officer) insurance of \$450.00 to be paid. Report stands pending observation.

Old Business:

24.25.06 Club Policies were approved by the board in March and general membership.

Nominating Committee Report: Slate of Officers are as follows:

President Mike Cavanaugh	Administrator open	Past President Terry Robertson
1 st Vice President Bill Shalaby	1 year Director Jan Koenig	Tail Twister Allen Rhyasen
2 nd Vice President John Lyons	1 year Director Phyllis Robertson	LCIF Chair Gay Enyeart
Treasurer Diane Cavanaugh	2 year Director Wanda Slevin	Newsletter Shelly Brown
Secretary open	2 year Director open	

24.25.04: 70th Anniversary celebration – Diane mentioned Zeffy has been set up to take credit card accounts for the Administrative account.

70th Anniversary we will plan on 60 attending

24.25.23 Delegates to Convention: The board approved our voting delegates for the convention will be David Rich, Sandy Conroy and Diane Cavanaugh.

24.25.11 Columbia Play project – tabled until June

24.25.12 Sponsorship Letters to be removed from the agenda

New Business:

24.25.24 MADD – the board voted to not send money as requested.

24.25.25 Helen Keller 100th Anniversary Challenge - Discussion on things to do – get the zone and perhaps the district involved. Add information to the Knight of the Blind flyer

24.25.26 Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trip: Someone needs to schedule something

24.25.27 Planning Berry Sale: Allen was not available for details

24.25.27 Rules/Guidelines for the club: A lot of questions from members asking when are we meeting and where therefore Mike, Bill and Gay will meet to write up some guidelines for meetings. Our May 2nd meeting will be at the Golden Corral at noon.

Mike adjourned the meeting at 2:01. Next Board meeting is May 16th following the regular meeting.

Gay Enyeart, Secretary Fort Vancouver Lions Club



May 2025

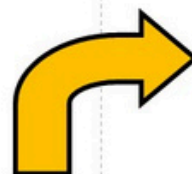
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NW Lions Leadership Conference 1st-4th	2 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Happy Birthday Jennifer Denny	3
4	5 Happy Birthday Dave Jackson	6 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM WSSB	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Terry Robertson	15 Math in Motion WA Elem. 2:30-4:00	16 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	17 Happy Birthday Tracy Fortman MD-19 Convention Chilliwack, BC 16th-17th
18	19	20	21 Share House	22 Happy Birthday Helen Sutfin	23	24
25	26  MEMORIAL DAY A DAY IN REMEMBRANCE	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Allen Rhyasen	30	31



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First & Third Friday
Noon meeting:



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Vancouver, WA 98682

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